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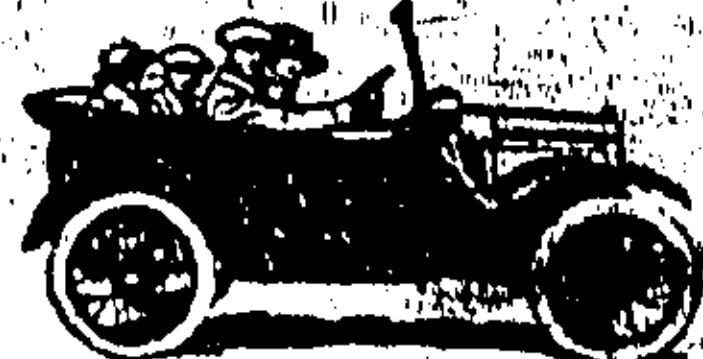
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XMAS RUSH.
ELEVENTH HOUR SHOPPING.
LATE HOURS TO-DAY.
The Festive Season In Hongkong.

Although the Christmas holidays have in effect begun for many, the shop folk are working harder than ever.

"No. Xmas shoppers do not learn wisdom as the years go by," said the manager of one of the leading establishments in the Colony when approached by a "China Mail" representative this morning. "A great deal of our Xmas gifts are always sold at the eleventh hour, so to speak, and I expect we shall be kept pretty busy up to six or six-thirty this evening."

To appreciate the truth of the manager's observation one had only to look at the shop windows or in at the doors, particularly after the tiffin hour, and note numbers who, hoping for an inspiration, had left the selection of certain presents until almost the last possible moment.

"Business is business, and I don't know that I would have the arrangements otherwise," said another head of a large store when the "China Mail" man ventured to commiserate with him in that he would have a bit of a rush to get away from the shop to any personal evening engagement.

"Take Saturday, for instance," he added, "some of the assistants might think it rather hard that they should have to work the same as usual, but after all a retail store has not only a public duty to perform but it can ill afford to lose business. We are up against more formidable competition here than at home, competition which takes no account of Sundays or European holidays."

WANDERING ABOUT.

Not the same impression of Xmas bustle was conveyed in other localities visited by the "China Mail" man in the course of his wander round the City.

At the Supreme Court the day was treated as a Friday and the only business was the fixing of cases for hearing after the vacation. After this business had been completed, the courts and corridors were completely deserted. The Full Court appeal case which opened yesterday had been adjourned until after the holiday period.

Looking strangely more human than in his gown and wig and amid court settings, a well-known barrister was met not far off grasping a parcel in his hand. Whether through force of habit he was heading for the building in which he has made appeals on behalf of many a manacled man or whether he was using his apartments there as a depot—who can tell? But it must have been a parcel of more than ordinary significance for him to have

IRELAND AND LEAGUE.

NO INTENTION TO ENTER CONTROVERSY.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

GENEVA, December 23. The reply of the Irish Free State to the British No. 6 of December 15, regarding the registration of the Anglo-Irish Treaty, now published by the League, disavows any intention of entering into a controversy regarding the intentions of any individual signatory to the covenant. But the Free State is unable to accept the contention that the clear, unequivocal language in article 18 is susceptible to any interpretation compatible with the limitation which the British Government now seeks to read into it.

EGYPTIAN ELECTION.

KING FUAD DISSOLVES PARLIAMENT.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

CAIRO, December 23. King Fuad has signed the decree dissolving Parliament. The election for the electoral delegates has been fixed for January 20; the election of Deputies on February 2. The new Chamber is to meet on March 6.

SUSPECTED.

TWO GUNMEN HELD BY POLICE.

The smart work on the part of the police which resulted in the capture at Des Vaux Road West, of seven men, who are alleged to have been on their way to a tea house, with felonious intent, on Monday evening, was mentioned at the Central Magistracy this morning when two of the men on whom two revolvers and seven rounds of ammunition were found were brought before the Magistrate. A formal remand was applied for by Detective Sergt. Andrew, which was granted.

It is not unlikely that the arrested men will be identified with other recent robberies.

XMAS IN JAIL.

EFFORTS MADE FOR EUROPEANS.

BOOK PRESENTS.

Result Of "China Mail" Interview.

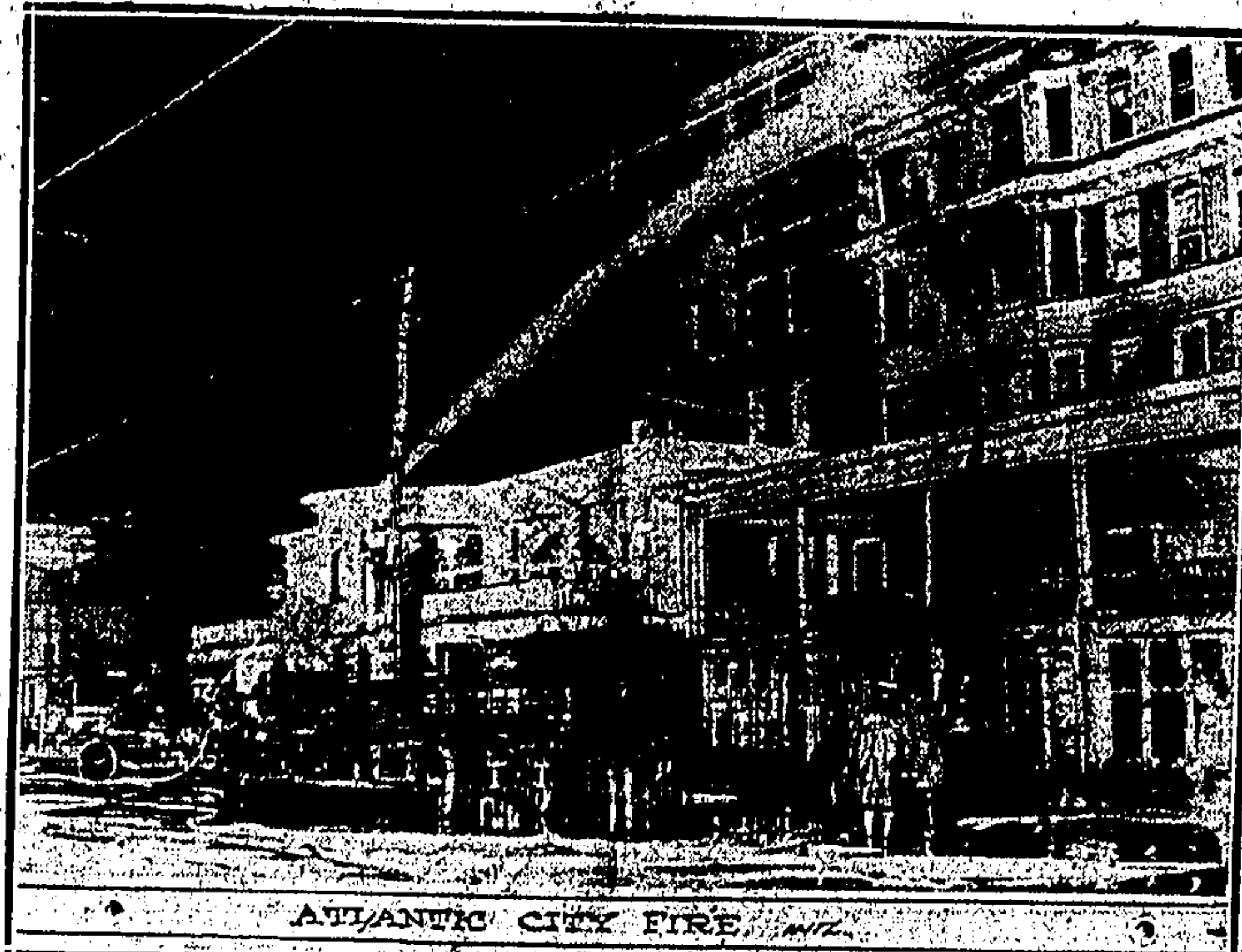
Europeans in Victoria Jail are not to spend quite such a dreary Christmas after all.

The article which appeared in the "China Mail" on Saturday setting out the fare of European prisoners in Victoria jail this Xmas time—the usual bread and soup and suet pudding—attracted the attention of interested people and efforts were made to get the regulations amended in order that gifts might be made to the prisoners.

The "China Mail" understands that the Government would not

allow gifts of food to be made but they had no objections to presents in the shape of books being given. Accordingly each European prisoner will receive such a present to-morrow through the Cathedral chaplains. The notice is too short for an appeal to be made for books for this purpose but the shelves of the jail library are sadly in need of replenishment and the chaplains, the "China Mail" understands, would welcome additions to them.

TWO LIVES LOST IN £200,000 BLAZE.



At least two lives are known to have been lost in a £200,000 fire which destroyed the Hotel Bothwell, the Senator Hotel and the casino on the £200,000 Steel Pier in Atlantic City, New Jersey. This photograph shows the ruins of the Hotel Bothwell.

CLYDEBANK TROUBLE.

EVICIONS OF "RENT STRIKERS."

SOME LIVELY SCENES.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, December 23. The long threatened evictions of Clydebank "rent strikers" began to-day. They were attended by lively scenes. The eviction officers, who were escorted by 60 policemen, swooped down on the district just after a night patrol of tenants had returned home, but bell-ringing brought a crowd to the spot. The police repelled an ugly rush in which a press photographer was kicked. Arrests followed but subsequently the streets were cleared.

The eviction officers proceeded with their work. The whole area is seething with excitement but the presence of many police is proving a restraining influence.

MORE ANXIETY.

FRENCH DEPUTY FEARS BOLSHEVISM CHINA.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Paris, December 23. Anxiety regarding forthcoming events in the Far East is voiced by M. Outrey, deputy for Indo-China. In the course of a debate on the Colonial estimates in the Chamber, he said he feared the organisation of a Bolshevist Government in China.

JAPAN IS SAFE.

He knew Japan had protected herself against the movement by an understanding with Chang Tso-lin and Japan, and Korea would certainly be saved from the wave of Bolshevism. But it was also certain the wave would spread across China; as soon as it reached Indo-China, Burma and India it ought to be watched closely.

"JOB CONTROL."

FURTHER SHIPPING TROUBLE IN AUSTRALIA.

THREAT OF OWNERS.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

MELBOURNE, December 23. Inter-state steamers are held up at Brisbane, owing to the crews' demands for overtime. The ship-owners, in reply, threaten to lay up the entire fleet until Government enforces the laws of the country against "job control" and strikes.

OBITUARY.

MR. T. W. H. CROSLAND.

A Reuter message from London announces the death of Mr. T. W. H. Crosland, the poet. The late Mr. Crosland was born on July 24, 1868. He was a frequent contributor to the "Leeds Mercury," "Yorkshire Weekly Post," "Black and White," "Outlook," "Academy," "Saturday Review," "The Gentlewoman," "Public Opinion" and "Evening Standard." From 1899-1902, he was assistant editor of the "Outlook." During 1905 he edited "The English Review" and from 1908-1911 was assistant editor of the "Academy." His publications include: "Literary Parables; Other People's Wings; The Finer Spirit (verse); English Songs and Ballads; The Unspeakable Scot (1902); Lovely Woman (1903); The Lord of Creation (1904); The Enemy (1904); The Wild Irishman (1905); The Suburbans (1905); Red Rose (verse, 1905); The Country Life (1906); The Beautiful Testaller (1907); Sonnets (1912); Taffy was a Welshman (1912); The First Stone (1912); The Chant of Affection (1915); The Showmen (1915); The Soul of a Crown Prince (1915); War Poems by X (1911); Collected Poems (1911) and The English Sonnets (1916).

COMMUNIST PERIL.

M. HERRIOT APPEALS TO PRESS.

FRANCE QUITE SAFE.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

PARIS, December 23.

M. Herriot, from his bed of sickness, has issued a statement to the Foreign Pressmen with regard to what he termed the alleged Communist peril in France. He appealed to them not to allow the legend to spread abroad that France is grappling with great social difficulties and was in danger of grave troubles breaking out soon. He said undoubtedly there was a Communist Party in France, but its strength is waning and it has few representatives in Parliament. Government is prepared to repress any attempt at disorder in the most energetic manner, but he is convinced there will be no disturbance.

FRENCH WAR DEBT.

U. S. APPROACHED THROUGH WRONG CHANNEL.

(*Reuter's American Service.*)

Washington, December 23. President Coolidge considers that the United States Government cannot take notice of M. Jusseraud's suggestion yesterday for a moratorium in connection with the payment of the French war debt to America. President Coolidge feels that comment would be out of place, since the Ambassador chose to make a suggestion to the country by means of a public address, when it was well-known that the only way in which such a suggestion could be considered by the Government was through the channel provided by Congress when it created the Debt Commission.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

VIEWS OF DOMINIONS SOUGHT.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

London, December 23.

Reuter is informed that the British Government has today telegraphed to the Governments of the Dominions and India with a view to ascertain whether it will be possible to arrange a special meeting of the Imperial Conference, early in March, to discuss questions arising out of the Geneva Protocol.

THE MAIN OBJECT.

The object is a full and frank discussion of the nature and extent of the responsibilities which will be involved for the whole Empire by the ratification of the Protocol. There is no question of any special lines having been already laid down by the British Government, but everything will be left for complete and frank discussion on the part of the Dominions.

ALBANIAN REBELS.

SUCCESS OF INSURGENTS REPORTED.

(*Reuter's Service.*)

Belgrade, December 23.

The morning newspapers report that a column of Albanian insurgents entered Tirana last evening. Scutari has also fallen after half an hour's battle in which the rebels, commanded by ex-Premier Ahmed Begzogu beat the Fannoli troops.

PEPPER AND BLOWS.

NAVAL HOSPITAL BOYS ASSAULTED.

Two canteen boys at the Naval Hospital were set upon by two men who had been lying in wait for them in some bushes a few yards from the hospital last night. One of the boys was felled to the ground, after he had been partially blinded by powdered pepper. A sum of \$5 was stolen from the boy, who reported the incident to the police this morning. The boy's companion ran away and gave the alarm later, but the robbers had by that time got away.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

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Ewos..... 12 Buyers.
Shanghai Docks..... 108 Buyers.
New Engineerings 750 Buyers.
Orientals..... 4 Buyers.
Shanghai Cottons 59 Buyers.
The above, kindly supplied by Messrs. J. Gould & Co., were the opening quotations on the Shanghai market this morning.

The London "Gazette" announces the King has given authority to Mr. Eugene Ernest Jacobs, locomotive inspector in the Royal Siam State Railways, to wear the insignia of the Fifth Class of the Order of the Crown of Siam.

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ONCE AGAIN.

Dear Santa Claus,

Last year I hung up my stocking
'n' you naughty man!—you only
put in about two of the things I
asked you for. This year I hope
you will give me everything I
want. Please, please, dear Santa
Claus. First of all I should very
much like the "present" you
said you would get me from
London town. No, dear Santa
Claus, I don't mean any more tin
soldiers. Uncle Edward, who lives
at Government House, says I've
already got, he says, "a somewhat
imposing number of officers of
high rank." What I want, dear
Santa Claus, is the military lands,
'n' I think, as Uncle Edward 'n'
Uncle Claud 'n' all my other kind
uncles have not been able to get
them for me, you, dear Santa
Claus, are the only one who can
succeed. Won't you ask your big,
fierce reindeer to bite the wicked
War Office man HARD—where he
sits down. Thank you, dear Santa
Claus. Next I should like a new
book of health rules. The one I
've got now is—Oh!—ever so
old, and it's quite out of date.
You see my governess gave it to
me such a long time ago. When
I was quite a little girl. And now
I've grown up! Why, dear Santa
Claus, just fancy, I am so big now
that I go to Fanning 'n' more far.

But I am still using the same silly
old book of health rules that I
had when I was quite small. I
asked Uncle Edward for a new
one, 'n' he told me not to be
ridiculous. Uncle Claud was very
funny. He said it was all a stunt.
What did he mean by that?—Did
he mean it would stunt my "pro-
gress"? That's what I think he
meant. Anyway, dear Santa
Claus, will you please give me a
new book of health rules; I need
it so badly, 'n' I am so afraid I
may get sick without one. But,
dear Santa Claus, please do not
send me any sardines. I am
scared I might leave the tins lying
about, 'n' then what would Uncle
Edward say! And, dear Santa
Claus, please give me a toy pier,
just like the one at Statue Square,
but if you can't finish it in time,
next Christmas, will do—or the
Christmas after that. Uncle
Henry 'n' some other nice uncles
tell me that I ought to ask you
for—how do you spell it?—
con—con—constit—constitu-
tional reform, but I would far
rather have a nice, new town hall,
to play theatres and dances with.
The one I've got now is far too
small, 'n' the museum you gave
me is awful. And, Santa Claus,
if I give you back that funny toy
soldier you gave me marked
"President of the Republic"—the
yellow and black paint's all come
off 'n' he's quite red now—will you
give me an express train that
won't stop half way like the one
I've got, which costs my poor
uncles such a lot of money every
month? And Santa Claus, will
you please give me a nice little
aeroplane all for my very own to
use with my Volunteer soldiers?
And, oh! please give me a new
Peak puff puff, 'n' a fire brigade
station all nicely finished. With
houses, 'n' hospitals, 'n' 'n' 'n'—
Oh! there's such lots 'n' lots of
things I want but I can't think of
them all now, so goodbye, dear
Santa Claus.

With lots 'n' lots of love from
your little friend

x VICTORIA HONGKONG x

P.S.—Please give your reindeer a
kiss from me and tell them to bite
the wicked War Office man more
hard than ever, 'cos I don't like
him one weeny little bit. The
horrid, horrid—person!

Choosing A Present.

Compradores and contractors at
large Hongkong business houses
have a very nice habit of wanting
to give presents to the staff at
Xmas time and with great con-
siderateness many of them make
a point of inquiring of the
favoured individuals in what
direction lie their tastes, even in
some cases, of indicating the
amount to which they would be
favoured if the recipient would
draw upon them. Now this
is thoughtfulness to a degree
and should result in infinitely
more satisfaction than is the
case when the present is
chosen haphazardly or even with
the meticulous care of the
relative who, making the first
consideration of that usefulness
and serviceability, seems unable to
conceive of a greater variety than
that offered in the hosiery estab-
lishment of the nearest stores.
But it is in moments like these,
when one has the opportunity of
an unrestricted choice, that
one realises how few are
such things that a man is con-
scious of a real need of or even a
desire for. If there is nothing he
can find fault with in his cigarette
case, pipes, cuff links or tie pin, is
not addicted to reading to any
considerable extent and does not
feel physically capable of getting
outside a turkey, it is likely that
the effort of thinking of some-
thing else is likely to cost
him more in mental fatigue
than the monetary worth of what
he is striving to think of.
If he was at all of a mercenary
frame of mind, it might drive him
to think how nice it would be if he
could get out of his difficulty by
asking the comrade to call
quits the somewhat adverse bal-
ance against him on his next
month's salary, or to settle up
some of the last month's bills
which will soon be rolling in, but
that of course would be quite con-
trary to the spirit in which the
offer was made and should not be
entertained for a moment! The
probability is that the comrade
finds that, even after consulting
the recipients of his bounty, the
gifts that he eventually makes
vary but slightly from year to
year. The amount of cuff links,
tie pins and cigarette cases which
taipans of some years' standing in
the Colony have accumulated must
be almost alarming!

Making And Marring Boxing.

At the City Hall was demon-
strated, last night, how boxing can
maintain the hold it already has
on the Hongkong public; and how
it can very easily create a feeling
of disgust which will result in
competitions, under the auspices
of the Hongkong Boxing Associa-
tion, failing to attract sufficiently
large audiences to pay expenses.
Chiefly due to the painstaking
efforts of Mr. J. Brook, the
Manager of the Association, a most
attractive programme had been
arranged and a thoroughly
lively night's fighting was eagerly
looked forward to by those who
take a genuine interest in the
art of self-defence. At the outset,
it is well to state that, in the main,
the contestants to a man fully
justified the trust placed in them
by Mr. Brook and the General
Committee of the Hongkong
Boxing Association. The fight
between Young and Eaton was a
genuinely hard-fought contest;
Rogers and Wareham put up a
most spirited display; Barber, in
his fight with Campbell, showed
that he intended to make the bout
short and snappy until he was
accidentally injured and compelled
to finish the struggle in a semi-
dazed condition. His opponent,
despite all knowledge of the finer
points of boxing, displayed pluck
from the start and though lucky
to win, at any rate proved that he
intended to give the public a run
for their money. Bland and
Emmerson both gave of their best
and up to the interval there was
no cause for complaint. It was
the fight between Stoker Booth
and Leading Seaman Francis, the
opening bout of the second half,
that called forth a deal of adverse
comment. Neither man—despite
their past championship records—
at any time showed the least
anxiety to give of their best. It
was this bout which is quoted as
an example of how boxing can be
marred. Such an exhibition is
unfair to the management and to
those who pay to keep the game
going. Fortunately, both Car-
lidge and Smith gave a capital dis-
play, each showing that he was
"out for the money," and to some
extent this bout counter-balanced
the previous tame display. With
the exception of the heavy-
weight contest, it was evident that
boxing here is still in a healthy
condition and a word now to those
inclined to "fight the air" when in
the ring may prevent others
following in their footsteps.
Hongkong boasts a very sporting
crowd, otherwise the contestants
in the heavy-weight contest would
have been the objects of stronger
remarks than those overheard last
night.

FOOTBALL.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

HOLIDAY GAMES.

[By "Dutchie"]
The following is the programme
for the week end:

Boxing Day.

Sunday "Herald" Charity Cup
Competition.
England v. Scotland, Club
ground 3.45 p.m.

SATURDAY 27TH LEAGUE.

FIRST DIVISION.

Police v. China "B" Club
ground.
China "A" v. R. A. Sookumpoo
ground.
Tantar v. Kowloon, Kowloon
ground.
Kick off at 4 p.m., sharp.

SECOND DIVISION.

Sacred Heart v. St. Joseph's, "B"
St. Joseph's ground.
Recreio "A" v. China "A" Kow-
loon ground.
St. Joseph's "A" v. Surrey, Navy
"A" ground.
Drums v. Club, Sookumpoo
ground.
Recreio "B" v. University
Chinese ground.
China "B" v. Kowloon, Club
ground.
Kick off at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

The game arranged for to-morrow
between The Army and the Chi-
nese will not take place, the Army
being unable to raise a team.

O: Boxing Day the first game in
the "Sunday Herald" Interna-
tional Charity Cup takes place,
England meeting Scotland. The
latter are rather handicapped for
players this year. On paper the
English team seem much stronger
and a win for them is anticipated.

The first division game between
the Club and Surrey has been
postponed.

The Tamar-Kowloon game has
been transferred to Kowloon
ground, where the Sailors hope to
repeat their previous victory on
this ground.

The R. A. will be out for the
first time since November 1, when
they will be at home to the China
"A" team. The Gunners have, I
believe, received some new players
in the last draft. China "A" will
probably be without Chan So. A
very interesting game is sure to be
seen and the Chinese need to win
if they hope to keep within reach
of the Championship.

As in the case of the Kowloon
vs. Tamar games, so the Police-
China "B" game has been trans-
ferred to the Club ground. As the
Chinese have not yet won a game,
it is hard to imagine them beating
the Police on Saturday.

The game to watch in the Second
Division will be that between
Recreio "A" and China "A." In their
previous encounter the Chinese
were successful, which in all prob-
ability will cost the Recreio the
League Championship. The latter
are expected to win.

Sacred Heart will probably beat
the College "B" team and the
Drums should be successful
against the Club Reserves.
Recreio "B" and the University
will probably draw, whilst
Kowloon should defeat the China
"B", who usually visit the
Peninsula with a very weak team.

St. Joseph's "A" play their
return game with the Surrey, and
are hopeful of winning, but it will
be a surprise if they succeed in
breaking the Soldiers' unbeaten
record.

The following are the teams for
the England-Scotland game on
Boxing Day:
England:—Wavish, Wyne,
Bishop, Petter, Wigginton,
Brown, Charlesworth, Eaton,
Jones, Edds, Howard.

Scotland:—Rodger, Gerrard,
Hume, Blair, Stewart, A. Duncan,
G. Duncan, Forsyth, McKelvie,
McBride, Key.

Reserves are England:—Wheeler,
Mitchell, Humberstone and
Macklesworth.
Scotland:—Forbes, Clarke,
Dewar and Muir.

Tickling Throat.

Did you ever have that nerve-racking
experience caused by a bit of mucus or
phlegm that sticks to the throat, and
tickles, but tickles and tickles until it
sometimes almost strangles? Just a
few tips of Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy, swallowed very slowly and
allowed to slide down the throat, will
stop that tickle and at once give you
immense relief. Try it that way too for
hoarseness, bronchitis and other coughs.
For sale everywhere.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

NEXT MEETING FIXED FOR DECEMBER 29.

At the next meeting of the
Legislative Council, to be held
on December 29, the following
appear on the agenda:

1. Financial Minutes. (Nos.
106 to)
2. Report of the Finance Com-
mittee. (No. 12)

ORDERS OF THE DAY.
Second reading of the Bill
intituled An Ordinance to amend
the Fraudulent Transfers of Busi-
nesses Ordinance, 1923.

THE GERMAN NOTE.

BERLIN IS SEEKING WAY OUT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, December 23.
The German Government's note
to the Secretary-General of the
League of Nations, supporting the
contention that, in the event of
Germany joining the League, she
would be excused her obligation,
involved in Article 16 of the
Covenant, laying down the pro-
cedure of members of the League
against any State breaking the
Covenant, dwells on the disarm-
ament of Germany, whose army is
only 100,000 strong, while neigh-
bouring States, of much smaller
population than that of Germany,
possess much larger armies; for
example, one such State, with a
population of under 40,000,000,
has an army of 700,000.

FRENCH FORECAST.

SOVIET REPUBLIC IN SOUTH CHINA.

PARIS PAPER'S VIEW.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, December 23.
"Le Matin" foreshadows the
proclamation of a Soviet Republic
by Dr. Sun Yat-sen, in South
China. It declares that the new
Soviet will be essentially
Nationalist, and emphasises the
value of French expert opinion
that, despite suggestions from
America, the Powers must show a
solid front in China. It declares
that it will not be reasonable to
permit the increase of Customs
duties for the benefit of a Govern-
ment which does not meet its
obligations, and which would be
able, if it had a full treasury, to
subsidise the Chinese Bolsheviks
and enable them to extend their
power all over China.
It asserts that the attitude of
Japan will be the deciding factor.

OBITUARY.

MR. A. DAVIS.

London, November 16.—Mr.
Alfred Davis, who was a member
of the F. A. since 1892 and vice-
president since 1908, died at his
residence at Marlow yesterday.
Deceased was chairman of the
Amateur Cup Committee and a
member of the International Selection
Committee. He had acted as
hon. secretary of the Berks and
Bucks F. A. since 1895, and was on
the Committee of the Amateur
Rowing Association and Thames
Punting Club; also secretary of
the Thames Amateur Rowing
Council. Mr. Davis, who was in
his 58th year, was in the Bucks
Council and a member of the
Marlow Urban District Council.
He was also a J. P. for Bucks.
Until a few months ago Mr. Davis
was in his normal health, and
although he was never particularly
robust, his sudden breakdown was
quite unexpected. His illness
commenced five months ago when
he swallowed an insect whilst
motoring with a friend. This set
up violent sickness which affected
the heart. Born in 1866, Mr. Davis
was educated at Borlase School, in
his native town of Marlow, and at
the University College of Wales at
Aberystwyth.

At a recent meeting of the
Council of the Royal Colonial
Institute, the following were
elected Non-Resident Fellows:—
British Malaya: Wm. R. Brerley
(Kuala Lumpur); L. W. Butler
(Port Swettenham); J. R. Dainton
(Malacca); Capt. E. J. H. Eldridge
O.B.E. (Singapore); Henry A.
Forster (Penang); P. Withers
Green, M.R.C.S. (Ibore); Harold
E. Holwell (Kedah); J. H. W. Park,
O.B.E., B.Sc. (Singapore); H. B.
Polglase (Kuala Lumpur); Daniel
A. Riley (Kuala Lumpur); J. S.
Cianes-Rosa (Kuala Lumpur);
and Charles H. Rowe
(Kuala Lumpur).

LOCAL BOXING.

SPORTING BOUTS. LAST NIGHT.

CARTLIDGE BEATS SMITH.

[By Argus.]

At the City Hall last night, the second Tournament of the Hongkong Boxing Association, took place before a crowd of just under 1,000.

A working party, under Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke, had performed a seeming miracle, in transforming the stage into a ring with ample seating accommodation, when it is remembered they could not commence operations until 8.30 yesterday morning. Mr. J. Brook had arranged a capital series of bouts, and with one notable exception every contest was well worth the money as the saying goes.

Though His Excellency the Governor was unable to be present, he sent his deputy, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe.

The fighting throughout was remarkably clean and the referees had a comparatively easy task. The officials for the different bouts were: (1) Dr. E. P. Minnett and Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N. (Judges), Mr. W. S. Bailey (Referee). (2) Mr. W. Logan, Mr. W. S. Bailey (Judges), Dr. E. P. Minnett (Referee). (3) Lieut. Commander Lyle, R.N., Dr. Minnett (Judges), Mr. W. Logan (Referee). (4) Mr. W. S. Bailey, Lieut. Commander Lyle, R.N. (Judges), Lieut. Colonel Montague Bates, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. (Referee). (5) Mr. W. S. Bailey, Dr. E. P. Minnett (Judges), Mr. A. Murdoch (Referee). (6) Lieut. Commander G. F. Hole, R.N., Dr. E. P. Minnett (Judges), Mr. A. Murdoch (Referee).

The main event of the evening, of course, was the bout between C. P. O. Cartledge, R.N., and Captain Matty Smith for the light-weight championship of the Colony and the Association's Belt. Cartledge showed his superiority throughout and now retains the Belt, having won it twice consecutively. Smith put up a very game display and took a tremendous amount of punishment in the later rounds. In fact, Cartledge followed up a smashing right upper-cut in the 14th round, which shook Smith considerably, he would probably have knocked his opponent out.

At the conclusion of the contest, Mr. R. M. Dyer, Chairman of the Boxing Association, fastened the Belt round Cartledge's waist. An account of the bouts follows:

MIDDLE-WEIGHTS.

Private Eaton of the East Surreys repeated his victory over Stoker P. O. Young. Eaton had the better of every round, though Young at times got home heavily on his opponent's ribs.

LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

Randsman Wareham, of the East Surreys, met a stiff proposition in Signalman Rogers. There was little to choose between the men in the first round, each demonstrating clever footwork. Possibly Rogers was just ahead on points. In the second round, Rogers opened well, doing most of the attacking, but towards the end Wareham was the aggressor and had the better of the round.

In the third round, Wareham was superior throughout, stalling off all Rogers' rushes and generally giving more than he received.

In the fourth, Rogers again forced the fighting to commence with, but Wareham's left generally found the mark and he again had the better of the exchanges.

In the penultimate round, after Rogers had got a left and right swing to Wareham's head, the latter returned the compliment with interest. Towards the end Rogers had slightly the better of exchanges, but appeared badly shaken by a blow to the body.

In the last round Wareham delivered heavy punishment, but Rogers stood up pluckily to his heavier opponent until the final bell.

WELTER-WEIGHTS.

Pte. Barber, E. Surreys, played with his opponent, A. B. Campbell, of H.M.S. "Titanic," hitting him when and where he liked in the first round.

In the second round, after Barber had had all the best of it, Campbell knocked him down twice, their heads colliding on the first occasion.

It was apparent in the third round that Barber was still dazed, and his opponent drove him all over the ring, sending him to the mat on six occasions. Barber, despite his dazed condition, was as game as a pebble and continually struggled to his feet without delay.

Round four proved the last, Barber still dazed being completely knocked out, though the coup-

de-grace appeared to be delivered when he was in a kneeling position. An unfortunate but plucky affair.

LIGHT-WEIGHTS.

Telegraphist Emmerson won on points from A. B. Bland of H.M.S. "Despatch."

Emmerson, in the first round, showed he was much the cleverer of the two and did all the attacking, having his man continually against the ropes.

In the second Emmerson was still on the aggressive, getting many lefts to the face. Bland was generally content to cover up and showed little initiative.

In the third round, Bland made a better showing, but still continued to receive far more punishment than he gave.

In the fourth, Emmerson continued to do all the leading, but his opponent, by covering up, prevented many of his opponent's blows taking full effect.

Round five proved the most even of the bout, Bland putting up a much better showing and Emmerson taking matters easily.

In the last round, Bland was a very tired man, but fought pluckily to the end taking a deal of punishment.

HEAVY-WEIGHT FARE.

After the interval, followed the only disappointing display of the night when Stoker Booth, of H.M.S. "Hollyhock" met Leading Seaman Francis, of H.M.S. "Titanic," in a 10-round heavy-weight contest. Had it been announced that the men would spar, the display would have been a disappointment. This is how it came out:

Round 1. A very tame affair, each sparring for an opening and then clinching.

Round 2. Another even round, neither showing anxiety to do more than clinch and hit tamely at close quarters.

Round 3. Further clinching and little done except tame fighting.

Round 4. A little more lively, Francis getting one fairly hard blow home to his opponent's face. Too much clinching.

Round 5. Neither appeared at all anxious to fight in earnest. A very tame round.

Round 6. Neither seemed the least anxious to administer or receive punishment.

Round 7. Similar to previous round.

Round 8. It became more obvious than ever that neither was in earnest.

Round 9. Towards the end of the round it appeared that each had at last made up his mind to start fighting. Francis had the better of the exchanges.

Round 10. Similar to previous round, exchanges being fairly even. Francis was given the verdict.

THE MAIN BOUT.

1.—A lively opening with but little holding. Cartledge started the ball rolling with a right swing to the head which Smith countered to the head, which Smith countered.

2.—Cartledge did most of the attacking and scored with his left on 3 or 4 occasions, also getting in some heavy body blows. Smith was warned for holding.

3.—Smith opened by rushing at the head and collaring him round for holding. Cartledge got one left smash into Smith's face and several blows to the body. He had all the best of the exchanges.

4.—Cartledge opened with another left smash to the face and in the clinch which followed, delivered several telling body blows. He followed this up with another jarring left to the face and a right to the ribs. Smith seemed badly shaken, and began to lean when Cartledge delivered more body punishment as he drove his opponent to the ropes.

5.—Cartledge, after narrowly missing with a right upper cut, piled in more body blows. Smith retaliated to the body. Cartledge was warned for keeping his right glove open. A good round.

6.—A quieter round. Both relied on punches to the body. Round chiefly confined to fighting. Fairly even.

7.—Cartledge rushed his man to the ropes and much heavy body punishment was exchanged. Cartledge receiving two heavy right smashes to the ribs. Cartledge warned for using his head. An even round.

8.—Cartledge again forced the fighting and Smith appeared anxious to clinch. More body punishment exchanged. Cartledge had slightly the better of matters.

9.—Cartledge got three lefts to his opponent's face in quick succession but they lacked power. Smith, after getting a right to the ribs, received two nasty smashes in the face. Round ended with Smith against the ropes.

10.—Cartledge continued to add points with left and right to the face and took little punishment in return. Again had his man on the ropes when the gong went.

11.—Cartledge continued to maintain the upper hand and

SNOW AT CHEFOO.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ENJOY SLEDGING.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

CHEFOO, December 16.

Recent arrivals include Mrs. and Miss McOwan. Mrs. McOwan has come to join her husband, Rev. B. M. McOwan, our Port Chaplain. Another arrival has been Miss James, who has joined the nursing staff of the C.I.M. Hospital in the place of Miss Spinks, who has departed for work in the interior.

Mixed Hockey.

On the 6th inst. the C.I.M. Schools, playing a mixed team of boys and girls, met a mixed Settlement team at Hockey on the Boys School's Grounds. The Schools won rather easily, 8 goals to nil, Ruth Dille and Huston Edgar being conspicuous for their good play.

A return game was played on the 13th, when the Settlement fielded a better team, and a closer game ensued. At half time the Settlement had scored three, and the School four goals; however, in the second half the School played better, the final score being 7 to 4 in their favour. Messrs. Hogg, Stevenson and Donald played side while the Schools' team all combined well.

Fall of Snow.

During the 9th and 10th we had a fairly heavy fall of snow, and the School children have had a fine time sledging.

Dec. 12th, was the second anniversary of the founding of the Shen Tze School (Chinese), and during the afternoon Sports were held, followed by a Concert in the evening given by the students.

A fire occurred during the night of Wednesday, the 10th, in the Chinese city. The damage luckily was not very serious.

The U.S.S. "Pillsbury" left here for Manila on the 12th, and we now have only one destroyer in port, the U.S.S. "Ford."

WORLD THEATRE.

"THE LULLABY"

"The Lullaby," a story of the city, that great monster of a million heads that take within its powerful grasp, the great, the small, the wise and the foolish, elevating the chosen few to positions of prominence and bestowing every favour upon them, or wringing the very heart's blood from the frail bodies of others, is the substance of the picture which is showing at the World Theatre to-day.

Representative of that great influx of ambitious foreigners who leave their native countries every year to seek a fortune, in this land of opportunities, only to be dragged under by the tugging undertow which runs beneath the surface of everyday city life, Jane Novak, as Felipa, a young wife, and Robert Anderson, as Tony, her husband, portray a story that is enacted year in and year out in the great metropolis like New York.

They are radiantly happy until, through force of circumstances, they run into conflict with the Law, that unforgiving, merciless, grinding machine which sits in judgement, hears evidence, and gives what it thinks is justice, without mercy. According to the picture, the law itself is soundly based, but it is to the unperceptive, the spirit of the statutes who fail to look beneath the surface for mitigating circumstances, that the plea for leniency is presented. It has nothing to say to those judges who are conscientious and perform their duties wisely. Miss Novak is superb—and though the story is turbulent—it ends happily and leaves a good taste. Chester Bennett is the director and the producer of the star's latest F.B.O. Production.

again reached his opponent's face on many occasions. Smith relied on body blows chiefly, but did little harm.

12.—Cartledge did most of the attacking and had his man against the ropes continually. Smith received most of the punishment during the in-fighting.

13.—Cartledge continued the attacks and scored with some nasty half-arm upper-cuts in the clinches and with other blows to the face, shaking Smith on several occasions.

14.—Early in the round Cartledge got in a right upper-cut but failed to follow it up. He then got his man to the ropes, but Smith fought his way out.

15.—Cartledge continually rushed his man, but Smith retaliated with body blows and kept going gamely to the end though he received several nasty jabs in the face, and a badly cut left eye.

BLASTING.

OLD WOMAN INJURED BY STONE.

CASE ADJOURNED.

Ng Wah, contractor, of No. 108, Second Street, was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Central Magistracy this morning, on two counts of dangerous blasting, at Jubilee Road, Pokfulam, on December 14 and 17.

The defendant was represented by Mr. R. E. A. Webster, who contended that, despite the fact that a place of stone was thrown into a smashed, adequate precautions were taken in carrying out the blasting work.

The summonses were adjourned sine die as an old woman is now in hospital as a result of injuries from flying fragments.

FALSE COINS.

TINSMITH'S MACHINE SEIZED.

EXPERT EVIDENCE.

Prof. C. A. Middleton Smith of the Hongkong University was the principal witness for the prosecution in the hearing of a charge against a tinsmith at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon of counterfeiting Hongkong coins.

As expert, Prof. Middleton Smith was called to give evidence as to the nature of the implements seized. He said he had examined the presses and came to the conclusion that they could be used for the counterfeiting of copper cents. He had made experiments with them and proceeded to explain the process he employed.

Mr. W. B. Hind, for the defence, cross-examined Professor Smith at some length.

Mr. Hind: Did you finish any of these coins?

Professor Middleton Smith: No. We have had no time, but when finished, there is no doubt they will look like a new one cent piece.

Mr. Hind pointed out that the process involved in making these false coins would be more expensive than making genuine ones.

\$15 Daily Profit.

Professor Middleton Smith did not agree. He said that with this apparatus the man could turn out a great number of coins and certainly make a profit of from \$10 to \$15 a day.

Mr. Hind submitted that the presses had been ordered for a man for the purpose of making Chinese medicine tins and produced a small sample in support of his submission. Even the best made coins of Professor Smith, he submitted, could not be passed off on any person, unless he was blind or intoxicated.

Witness: But the edges are not finished.

Mr. Hind: Of course you don't expect a tinsmith to make such a good job of it as you have done?

Witness: He is probably the better worker.

Speaking of the presence on some copper slugs, produced, of imprints of the Hongkong cent, Mr. Hind said his client knew nothing about them or about the machines, but he (the defendant) had been told by his folk that a Mr. Anderson of the Hongkong Hotel some time ago wanted to order some batches from his shop. To show what they could do, his folk heated some copper slugs like those produced, put them over copper cents and hammered the metal to get the impression of the coin. Mr. Hind asked witness whether the imprints on some of the slugs could have been made by that means.

Witness said he would not like to say until he had tried it himself.

Mr. Hind called his client and several witnesses to give evidence. All of them denied any unlawful intent in regard to the apparatus.

The case was adjourned until Monday for Mr. Hind to address the Magistrate (Mr. N. L. Smith.)

CHANCE FOR FARMERS.



MACKENZIE VALLEY FERTILE—Reports from the Mackenzie River and Great Slave Lake districts indicate immense tracts of arable soil as well as great wealth in timber, minerals, and game. Where farming has been attempted, excellent yields have been obtained.

POLICE BALL.

ANNUAL FUNCTION GREAT SUCCESS.

The annual Police Ball was held in the City Hall last night, and proved an immense success. From an early hour yesterday the Committee responsible for the arrangements had been busy putting the finishing touches, and a pleasing appearance was apparent everywhere. The decorations from the entrance door, up the staircase and in the dancing, supper and lounge rooms had a feature of novelty, and nothing had been omitted to contribute to the success of the occasion. A noticeable feature, on entering the hall, was the illuminated badge of the Hongkong Police which was placed in a beautiful setting at the head of the staircase. The card rooms and bar were situated on the ground floor. The decorations in the dance rooms were carried out in a simple but pleasing manner, a corner being set apart for the musicians.

The Hongkong Hotel Band was in attendance, and dancing was kept up until a late hour to the pleasing strains of the orchestra, the popularity of which was apparent by the number of encores to which they had to respond. The function was altogether a complete success and the guests dispersed after a thoroughly enjoyable time.

The attendance included His Excellency the Governor and Staff, Vice-Admiral Everett, Commander-in-Chief of the China Station, Sir Claud and Lady Severn, Sir Henry Gollan, Mr. Justice Gompertz, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse and Mrs. Wodehouse. The officers responsible for the arrangements were Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse as President; Chairman, Mr. J. Grant; Honorary Secretary, Mr. A. V. Baker; Committee, Messrs. Cargill, Marks, Kirby, Thorpe, Bradwell, Wright, Stewards, Messrs. Reynolds, Carson, Wynne, Dickson, Johnson and Bright.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

* * The "China Mail" will not be published to-morrow, Christmas Day.

The Steamship "Slavic Prince" from New York sails from Shanghai to-morrow and is expected to arrive here on 28th inst.

From a correspondent signing himself C.P.H. we have received a letter dealing with education, but it contains too many personal allusions for it to be published.

The s.s. "Sarpedon" has been delayed owing to bad weather and will arrive in Hongkong at 7 a.m. to-morrow. She will be despatched for Shanghai at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Some interesting facts were mentioned by the Lord Mayor, who presided at the Mansion House, over the annual meeting of the Royal Society of St. George on October 30. The society, he said, was formed in 1894, and had now a membership of over 20,000 with nearly 100 branches.

The Dutch Consul at Tientsin is reported to have asked the Diplomatic Corps to request the Chinese Government to remove the troops now stationed at Tientsin railway station as their presence violates the agreement entered into between China and the foreign capitalists of the railway.

The first of a promised series of articles on the Seven Wonders of the ancient world appears in the December issue of "The Yellow Dragon," the magazine of Queen's College, which should prove interesting to present and past pupils. The school notes to those that have the key give the appearance of being as subtle as ever; the clever poem "To G.H.B.W." (in retirement at Bourne-mouth) has the added advantage of footnotes explaining what, to the outsider, would be incomprehensible, and "The Laughing Buddha" contributes an article which even the reader who finds fault with every story with a moral, should be able to appreciate.

Kuangsi residents of Shanghai are busily engaged in raising funds for their fellow-provincials who were rendered homeless after the big fire in Wuchow some weeks ago which wiped out a third of the city. The money will be sent to Wuchow when a reasonable amount has been raised, says the Chinese press.

Marshal Hsiao Yao-nan, Tsuchun of Hupeh, has, says the Chinese press, despatched a telegram to Marshal Tuan Chih-jui stating that the Peking-Hankow Railway, trains in Hupeh are now running as usual and there are no more disturbances along the way. The troops of Marshal Wu Pei-fu have almost all been disbanded.

The United National Organizations of Shanghai have telegraphed to Marshal Tuan Chih-jui supporting the suggestion of the National Roads Construction Association regarding the appointment of Marshal Feng Yu-shiang as Director-General of the National Highways Bureau, and the use of his troops for the building of national roads.

The immense scope of the process of reincarnation was graphically described by Mr. A. Horne in a lecture at the Theosophical Hall in Shanghai, last week entitled, "The Reincarnation of Nations." Mr. Horne spoke of the evolution first of planetary chains, with their civilizations, then of the age-long history of successive root races, typified by the existing Negro, Mongolian and Aryan peoples, and finally of nations showing marked individual characteristics. The rise and fall of nations was just the effect of the migration of more developed souls from one aggregate to another. Thus, though Rome fell, the Romans, after a period in other spheres, are believed to have reincarnated as Englishmen and women, displaying the same love of law and order, the same liking for sports, the same talent for colonization and the opening up of roads and communications. In a like manner France became the chief spiritual inheritor of Greece in its prime, and Germany of Phoenicia. These were but portions of a vast design, which determined the whole history of the human race.

The Japanese Government has granted a subsidy of ¥9,993,000 to the city of Yokohama for the rebuilding of roads, drains, creek walls and bridges. The subsidy will be in four annual instalments. The city will start on the repair work as soon as the first instalment is received.

On the arrival of the s.s. "Philoctetes" yesterday morning, the body of an elderly Chinese passenger was handed over to the police. It was stated that the man was killed in the course of a quarrel which arose amongst the Chinese passengers. Of a number of passengers taken into custody by the police, two were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning and charged with manslaughter. The men were remanded until next Tuesday.

According to a cable to the "Daily Bulletin," the N. C. "Daily News," in the course of an editorial, says that Dr. Schurman's speech of last week created a feeling of discouragement, particularly in the American community, so it seemed only fair to let time mellow impressions before commenting on it. The writer says that the speech was a depressing substitute for a message of hope. Foreign communities are no longer in the mood to hear facts sugarcoated at a time when China is not doing credit to her past nor showing any appreciation of foreigners' friendship. The list of cases in recent years in which diplomacy at Peking has failed to check the Chinese tendency to override treaties is long and familiar to every foreigner doing business in China. This knowledge is in the minds of Dr. Schurman's audience. If Dr. Schurman felt that Washington would not support him in a more forceful statement, the community would have been cheered if he had given an assurance that he personally understood the position of the foreigner in China, and was trying to make his Government appreciate it. The lack of such an assurance was the most disappointing feature of his address. Shanghai does not yet know whether the speech reveals Dr. Schurman's own attitude or that of his Government.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

General Hsu arrived in Marseilles by the mail boat "Amazon." He stated that he will go to Paris and London, where he expects to stay for six months.

Mr. Ewald E. Selph, formerly Chief Assistant District Attorney at Los Angeles, now a prominent member of the Manila Bar, is staying with Mr. L. G. Husar in Shanghai.

The "China Mail" is asked to announce that owing to the holidays the box plans for the Wish Wynne Co's season which commences on Saturday next at the Theatre Royal will be available in the foyer of the Hongkong Hotel from 9 a.m. until 5.30 p.m. on Christmas Day and Boxing Day and also from 2 p.m. until 5.30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, during which hours seats may be booked for any nights during the season.

Lady Patricia Ramsay, who has gone to Bermuda, where her husband will be stationed for some time, is looking forward to painting some sketches of the island, says the "Sunday Chronicle." Lady Patricia is very fond of working in both oil and water-colour, but of late she has not had much time for painting. Flowers and fruit are among her favourite subjects, as she hopes to be able to present her friends with colourful little studies of the bright-hued tropical blooms of Bermuda.

Mr. Henry H. Cohen has returned to Shanghai from Australia whither he departed some time ago on a mission to urge the restoration of trade between the Dominion and China. Founder of the export committee of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce and prominently connected with Eastern Traders, Ltd., a new concern with £1,000,000 capital which hopes to be instrumental in building up a big trade between China and Australia, Mr. Cohen spoke at 83 gatherings of business men in various States. He has endeavoured to make Australians realize that American trade has made wonderful progress in China through arranging facilities for the big business men to come out East and investigate. He also appealed for a better understanding of the Chinese people and removal of restrictions and indignities put upon Chinese business enterprises in its dealings with Australians.

The U. S. Commercial Attaché's office in Peking learns from Mr. Paul Y. Chang, President and General Manager of the Chinese Art and Industrial Exhibition, to open on January 1, in Seattle, that the necessary space has been secured. Arrangements also have been made for financing the project. Three well-known exhibitions in China, namely, the National Educational Exhibition, China Arts Exhibition and the Western China Exhibition, have offered many of their best exhibits for use on this occasion. Over \$5,000 is being contributed to the exhibition funds by Chinese merchants in Shanghai. The exhibits are to consist of rugs, carpets, silks, embroideries, and other well-known Chinese products. The Seattle Chamber of Commerce and the Seattle Fine Arts Society have interested themselves in the exhibition and many prominent members of these organizations have consented to serve on committees and help in other ways toward the success of the display.

The "Tokyo Jiji" reports: At the entreaty of her elder sister and three younger sisters at home, Miss Lily Summers, the oldest English teacher in Japan, is to leave Yokohama for England after 53 years' residence. Miss Summers came to Japan when she was only six years of age and expresses her regrets at leaving the country where she has more friends than at home. According to Miss Summers, the "Jiji" continues, the Tokyo-Yokohama Railway was inaugurated three days after her arrival in Japan, and she, in company with her father, attended the opening ceremony. On her way home from Yokohama to Tokyo, she noticed that people took off their hats at the platform and then, entranced, and on their arrival at Tokyo they made a great fuss in finding their foot-gear. In those days "people had to go to Yokohama to buy matches. Among dignitaries, who have been educated by Miss Summers, are Princesses Kan-in and Higashi Fushimi, as well as the Princes Kujō, Shimazu, Date and many others. She was also connected with the Meiji University and Nippon Higher Girls' School in Tsukiji, Tokyo. In short, she has been the pioneer and mother of Japanese juveniles and girls in giving English lessons.

A marriage has been arranged between Major John W. Watson, British North Borneo Civil Service, and Winifred Eileen, youngest daughter of the late C. Ingram Armitage, Honley, Yorkshire.

Mr. H. R. Bull, at one time Deputy Public Prosecutor, Selangor, and till recently Official Assignee and Registrar of Companies, has given notice of a petition for admission as an advocate and solicitor of the Supreme Court, F.M.S.

The Magdeburg Court has sentenced to three months' imprisonment Herr Rohardt, the editor of a provincial newspaper, for libelling Herr Ebert, whom he accused of helping to prolong the munition workers' strike of 1918 by publicly urging the workers not to respond to the military order to join the army.

The Thrift Encouragement Society of Tokyo Prefecture, dissatisfied with the poor results obtained in their recent thrift propaganda, is about to launch a new campaign whereby they will urge the people to give up the customary celebration of year-end parties, and formal exchange of New Year present between relatives and friends.

The popularity of the dances held at the Hongkong and Repulse Bay Hotels has resulted in bookings for Boxing Night at the Grill Room, and for New Year's Eve at Repulse Bay, having to be closed. Those disappointed for these occasions, however, may look forward to a jolly evening on Friday, January 23, when a Fancy Dress Ball will be held in the Grill Room of the Hongkong Hotel on the occasion of Chinese New Year's Eve, for which table reservations may now be made.

The London correspondent of the Singapore "Free Press," who is usually well-informed, writes out that Mr. and Mrs. Darbishire, are leaving England at the end of the first week in January on an extended visit of some months to the Straits, where, as our correspondent says, "Mr. Darbishire will be able to study or talk over on the spot, his favourite project—the abolition of rubber restriction." We trust that our correspondent does not attribute to Mr. Darbishire motives for his visit which are not strictly correct.

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RED RECEPTION.

ENGLISH GUESTS OF SOVIET IN LONDON.

London, November 8.—The most conspicuous feature of the remarkable reception given last night by the Soviet Chargé d'Affaires in London, Mr. Rakovsky, and Mrs. Rakovsky in honour of the seventh year of the Bolshevik Revolution, was the sharp contrast between the nature of the gathering and its setting.

Chesham House, where the proceedings took place, is a stately building of the conventional old Embassy style, with spacious apartments of dignified aspect, all leading one into another.

In the days of the Tsarist regime it was the scene of many brilliant gatherings. The dominant note of last night's event was quiet and deliberate good taste. Mr. Rakovsky was evidently resolved that at the first official Red reception in London there should be no extravagances such as might afford material for scandal or gossip.

And so everything was done very quietly and in the best of taste.

CROWD IN THE STREET.

Naturally, the event had occasioned some sensation in the neighbourhood, and a crowd assembled in the street outside to watch the guests arrive. Someone told me that a large red flag had been flying all day long from the Embassy buildings.

In the courtyard were stationed a number of policemen, one of whom politely requested that the invitation card be shown.

Such precautions were necessary, "safety first" will for a long time yet be the Soviet motto.

At the top of the wide staircase, which was carpeted in red, was a familiar portrait of Lenin draped in red, a portrait showing him tranquil and reflective, against a background of books.

Beneath it was a modest display of flowers. Higher up was unobtrusively placed a bust of Lenin. This too, was a familiar portrait. The face of the dead leader wears that grim sardonic expression which the Bolsheviks regard as his most heroic mood.

IN EVENING DRESS.

Mr. Rakovsky, wearing evening dress with a small red flower in his buttonhole, and Mrs. Rakovsky (dressed simply in black) stood at the head of the great staircase, and received the guests with an agreeable smile and handshake.

After this formality was over the company dispersed into the adjoining ballroom and adjacent apartment, in which a small band, hidden away in a corner, played soft tunes.

Of course, everyone felt a little strange at first. That was not surprising, for an official Bolshevik reception in London—and in the old Tsarist Embassy—is not an event of everyday occurrence. No one quite knew what to do with themselves or what was going to happen next.

But, as is usual on these occasions, the throng soon broke up into little cliques, and then the conversation resolved itself into animated guesswork as to the identity of those present.

"Will Mr. Gregory come?" I heard someone ask.

Mr. Gregory did not come. But I was told that an official from the Foreign Office was present.

"Over there is Mr. Bernard Shaw!" Mr. Bernard Shaw, as white and as wise-looking as an Old Testament patriarch, twinkled and smiled on a little crowd composed of Mr. H. G. Wells, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. Sidney Webb (whose appearance suited the occasion), and Mr. C. P. Trevelyan. On the whole the late Government was well represented.

But the interest of the occasion was not in the distinction of individuals so much as in the general character of the assembly. Most of the guests came in evening dress and many of them wore decorations and medals.

But there was no rigid rule, and people for the most part wore what they pleased. One youth arrived in a sports jacket and flannel trousers.

Mr. George Lansbury also appeared in his "working" clothes with a soft collar and a flannel shirt.

His son was a trifle more "correct" in a dinner jacket.

RED FLOWERS POPULAR. The ladies were all very quietly attired. One was very conspicuous in a flaming red dress. Many women and men, too, wore red gardenias in their button-holes.

This red flower happens to be fashionable now, so that one could be both red and stylish last night. But it was mostly foreigners who affected a touch of red.

Russians were present in very large numbers. All the leading members of the Soviet Colony in London—and it is not a small population—were there. But there was no flaunting of red.

Few diplomats of first-class rank attended. I do not know whether or not the whole corps was invited, but I fancy that there must have been some tactful excuses.

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"Bruce's post office address is Wilket, Ontario, via Armstrong."

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London, November 16.—All his acquaintances are envying the good fortune of Ernest Bancroft, groom at the Bardon Stud Farm, living at Bardon Hill, Leicestershire, who has won \$25,000 in a sweepstake on the Irish Derby. He invested in a single ticket, costing 10s, and drew the winning horse.

The other day he received a cheque for the amount due to him, and after paying it into his bank returned quietly to his employment. Bancroft is 24, and the youngest son of a big family of farm workers. Asked whether he would invest the money and retire to a life of leisure now he was rich, he rejoined: "People are making a lot more fuss about it than I am. Why should I give up my work? Horses are my best pals, and I should be miserable if I had no work."

Among those present I observed the French Military Attaché, the Czechoslovakian Military Attaché, the Turkish, Persian, and Afghanistani representatives.

TOUCH OF THE EAST. One of the most striking features of the gathering was the presence of a considerable number of Eastern guests, dressed in Eastern robes.

Mrs. Krassin was among the guests, and with her were her two daughters (one of whom is studying agriculture in Edinburgh). These young ladies were the most conspicuously dressed of all the women there.

I noticed one young Englishman wearing a row of medals, above which was placed a small red flower. With him were several young girls, one of whom remarked: "Isn't it ripping?"

"Yes, what an experience!" exclaimed her companion. But it was the simplicity of the gathering that impressed itself on one so much. And the contrast with the old-world splendour of the place was so vivid.

The great apartment had been redecorated in pale aristocratic blue, massive candelabra composed of hundreds of lights illuminated the scene. On the floor soft red carpets had been laid, except in the ballroom, where the austere parquet remained. In the grate large homely fires were laid.

During the evening simple refreshments were served—tea, coffee, ices, sandwiches. A few bottles of port and white wine were opened.

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"ROTOR-BOATS."

REVOLUTION IN SAILING SHIPS.

Berlin, November 8.—The appearance of a strange new craft in Kiel harbour last week was the signal for rumours in the German Press heralding a revolution in the world of shipping only comparable with the drastic changes that took place when the steamship superseded the old sailing-vessel.

How Herr Anton Flettner, a young German engineer, who has already achieved fame as inventor of a new type of rudder, hopes to harness the wind-motors for air-craft, as well as other types of machines and for shipping in general, was explained to me by himself on behalf of "The Observer," writes its Berlin correspondent. It is too early yet to estimate the value of experiments already made, but the fact that Germany's biggest industrial interests and financiers, including Krupp and the Hamburg America Line, are backing them, points to belief in the hopes expressed by technical experts.

At the present moment Herr Flettner has used his knowledge of aerodynamics to such purpose that a three-master fitted with twin towers, steel-plated, rotating on a pivot at the rate of a hundred revolutions to the minute, can achieve a speed some fifteen times greater than that obtained by using an ordinary sail and effect a saving of labour that varies with the size of the boat would have carried under normal circumstances. One man alone controls the pivot.

GOTTINGEN EXPERIMENTS. "I studied air-currents first in the Zeppelin works," said Herr Flettner, "and Count Zeppelin was among the first to recognise the importance of this type of research work. I constructed a new type of rudder for airships, but conditions for aircraft were so bad after the war in Germany that I accepted a post as director of the Institute for Aero and Hydro-Dynamics in Amsterdam, where I applied my aerial experiments in steering gear to craft in the water."

"While I was working there I still continued experiments in the technical laboratories of the University of Göttingen. It was during these experiments that I recalled results achieved seventy years ago by the forerunner of Helmholtz, Professor Magnus, relating to the velocity of shots fired and the extraordinary effect of wind on violently rotating bodies. This is known to physicists as the 'Magnus Effect.' Till now nobody thought of turning this theoretical knowledge to practical use. This we have done to-day. Next year a tower will be erected just outside Berlin, for the purpose of generating electricity from air.

SEAWORTHINESS. "Experiments have shown that my big cylinders do not endanger the boat in bad weather, as has been feared. On the contrary, heavy storms that we have encountered when manoeuvring barely touched us. The boat remained practically steady. By means of the peculiar current effects created by the rotating bodies, it was possible to steer right into the wind with a minimum change of angle. A rotating cylinder is the best possible natural creator of currents. Not only did we manage speed fifteen times that of sail, but our movements are practically unhampered. An electromotor in the pivot sets the cylinder going or stops it, and in a few seconds we either have our full strength or have turned it off. This is a great advantage compared with the time taken in adjusting a heavy sail, even if the number of hands needed were no consideration.

"Our boat, which we call the 'Rotor-Boat,' was first built as a model and tried on the canal used by the University for technical experiments. We measured the play of the wind on the sail-surface and discovered the absolute superiority of the Rotor as regards speed. The thickness of the metal cylinder—well as it turns is about two millimetres. This means that the weight of the new sailing-machine with the pivots is only a fifth of the weight of a boat of the same size carried in the way of sails and masts.

SAVING IN EXPENSE. "The possible economic value of our process cannot even be gauged at the present moment. For instance, on voyages to Asia a saving in fuel of anything from 30 to 80 per cent, can be effected for some 99 per cent. of the hours out, either by using the Rotors as chief methods of navigation for certain types of boats and on certain routes, or by using them as supplements to steam and motor boats to increase speed at reduced cost. In any case it will mean a great saving on cargo boats. The difference made to coal and oil interests should be enormous. The future of agricultural machines may be entirely revolutionised if everything succeeds. One day the wind may be giving us heat, light, and power."

THE ROUND-UP.

COLT-HUNTING IN THE NEW FOREST.

Captain Jocelyn Lucas writing in the Morning Post, says: Tourists motoring through the New Forest must often have their interest aroused by the herds of picturesque ponies roaming at large or standing round some shady pool, and may hazard a guess as to their ownership and origin.

Should their curiosity lead them to stop and approach the animals they will see that every pony is both branded and tail marked, the former to denote the owner, and the latter the district. Each forest agister knows every pony in his district, no mean feat when one realises that the Forest extends over some 92,000 acres. Certain foresters, both landowners and cottagers have the right to graze their ponies and cattle the year round, allowing them to roam unattended, and during the autumn and beechmast harvest they can turn out their pigs.

RUNNING LOOSE.

Every April a Stallion Pony Show is held at Lyndhurst, in which the prize-winners, to be eligible—have to be turned out in the Forest and allowed to run loose for several months, the result being the continued improvement of the breed. A week or two afterwards it is a common sight to see a mob of ponies come galloping madly down some forest glade accompanied by a couple of screaming, fighting, corned stallions. Often a mare gets seriously hurt in the mêlée and some are killed every year.

Once a year every owner rounds up his stock, brands his foals, and, perhaps, catches a few three-year-olds to break and sell. The mares are seldom broken, and simply roam wild and breed until they die.

THE CHASE.

Having ascertained the whereabouts of the ponies, three or four foresters, who are often accompanied by an agister, rally forth, mounted on sturdy ponies, with a good cattle dog at their heels.

The herd, tame enough as a rule, scent trouble, and begin to gallop away across the moorland, following the tracks in single file, or going boldly across country. The riders spread out, endeavoring to drive them in the right direction, to cut out ponies that do not belong, and to check the repeated attempts to break away, which the more spirited and wily ones invariably make whenever they see a chance. The mares have their foals, at foot, and are often followed by their yearlings as well. As soon as possible they will make for one of the numerous bogs, across which there are few safe paths, to try and escape their pursuers, and, unless the flankers are lucky or exceptionally quick, the herd will divide, and some may be lost.

CAUGHT IN THE BOG.

When one particular pony is wanted, advantage is taken of these bogs. A man goes on ahead and hides on some firm spot just off the track. The ponies are driven past; and, as the wanted animal comes near, out jumps the hidden man, yelling and waving. The galloping pony is going too fast to stop, and plunges wildly into the bog, where he is speedily roped and hauled out.

An old stallion will sometimes deliberately lead his herd under low boughs, galloping full tilt through the glorious old oak and holly woods, where a mounted man can only follow with difficulty. Here the dog is invaluable; for his voice can be heard long after the ponies are lost to sight, but here again, when they emerge into the open, the numbers are sure to be reduced. As the ponies tire they become more amenable, but there is always the danger of a breakaway until the final scene takes place in a well-fenced field with a stockade in one corner.

The outward ride in lovely scenery, wild as the day when Rufus hunted, and the thrilling gallop for miles driving the ponies over hill and dale, moorland, wood, and bog, all go to making it a wonderful experience for any sportsman sufficiently fortunate to be asked to participate in one of these round-ups.

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THEY HAVE SURVIVED FOR YEARS.

Major C. T. Tomes gave a lecture at the Royal United Service Institution on "Old Military Customs still Extant." Mr. J. W. Porteus was in the chair.

Major Tomes, speaking of salutes, said that the fact that nowadays the hand was held open with the palm to the front although a comparatively recent innovation, might be taken to be a relic of the raised and open hand which had been the sign of greeting from almost prehistoric times, denoting that nothing was concealed that might be used as a missile. The officer's salute with a sword was full of historical interest. The motion called "the recover" was surely a relic of the days of chivalry when the Crusader kissed the cross before engaging in combat, and the cross was the cross-bill of the sword.

Plugs had been used as rallying points from the earliest times. In the Civil War of 1642-50 company colours came into use and took the form of the personal banners of the various officers who raised the companies or regiments. In the time of Queen Anne their number was reduced to two per regiment. In the days of Waterloo the colours measured 6ft. by 6ft. 6in., and were carried on half-pikes; and the staffs of our present colours were still known officially as "colour" pikes. In the reign of Charles II. military dress and civil dress were the same, except for a certain regimental uniformity in military dress. As the fashions changed so did the uniform, but very much more slowly. The Charles II. pattern lasted nearly 100 years. From about 1780 military dress and civil dress began to diverge, and between the Peninsula and the Crimea the former became extravagant and ridiculous. An improvement afterwards began, and now civil and military dress were much the same again, except for colour.

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LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Tangistan, (Br.) Cheung Hwa & Co., from Rangoon, Singapore. Hainong, (Br.) Douglas, from Foochow, Swatow. Hydrangea, (Br.) Chiu On S.S. Co., from Swatow. West Prospect, (Am.) S. & B., from San Francisco, Shanghai. Java Arrow, (Am.) S. Oil Co., from San Francisco. Fern, (Swed.) Y. K. K., from Quing Yen. Hainam, (Port.) Kwong O., from Kwong-chow-wan, Macao. Lerk, (Nor.) Fuk Tai Co., from Keelung. Drufur, (Nor.) K. Larssen & Co., from Keelung. Yoshida Maru, (Jap.) Y. K. K., from Sydney, Brisbane. Sui Yik, (Chin.) Fuk Hai, from Shanghai. Poo Lee, (Chin.) Tung Woo, from Kwong-chow-wan. Fenglee, (Chin.) Ching Kee & Co., from Saigon, Swatow.

DEPARTURES.

Soudan, (Br.) M. M. & Co., for Bombay, Singapore. William Penn, (Am.) A. O. Line, for Manila. West Prospect, (Am.) Struthers & Barry, for Manila. Kawachi Maru, (Jap.) N.Y.K., for Buenos Aires, Saigon. Produce, (Nor.) K. Larssen & Co., for Kongkong. Java Arrow, (Am.) S. Oil & Co., for San Francisco, Manila. Lien Shing, (Br.) J. M. & Co., for Shanghai, Swatow. Ouderkerk, (Dut.) J. C. J. L., for Rotterdam, Manila. Dukat, (Nor.) Thoreson & Co., for Swatow. Tangistan, (Br.) Cheung Hwa, for Amoy, Swatow. Wong Shek Kung, (Chin.) Kun Chung, for Saigon. Haidis, (Br.) Woo Fat Seng, for Saigon.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

THERE will be a celebration of Holy Communion in the Peak Church to-morrow (Christmas Day) at 8 a.m.

NOTICE.

THE following are members of the above Exchange

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Lammert, Geo. P.	Wong, Fred.
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By Order of the Committee, A. NISSIM, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd November, 1924.

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 23rd November, 1924.

The Early Bird

Not only in the feathered world but at Christmas time it is essential to order early so as to ensure satisfaction.

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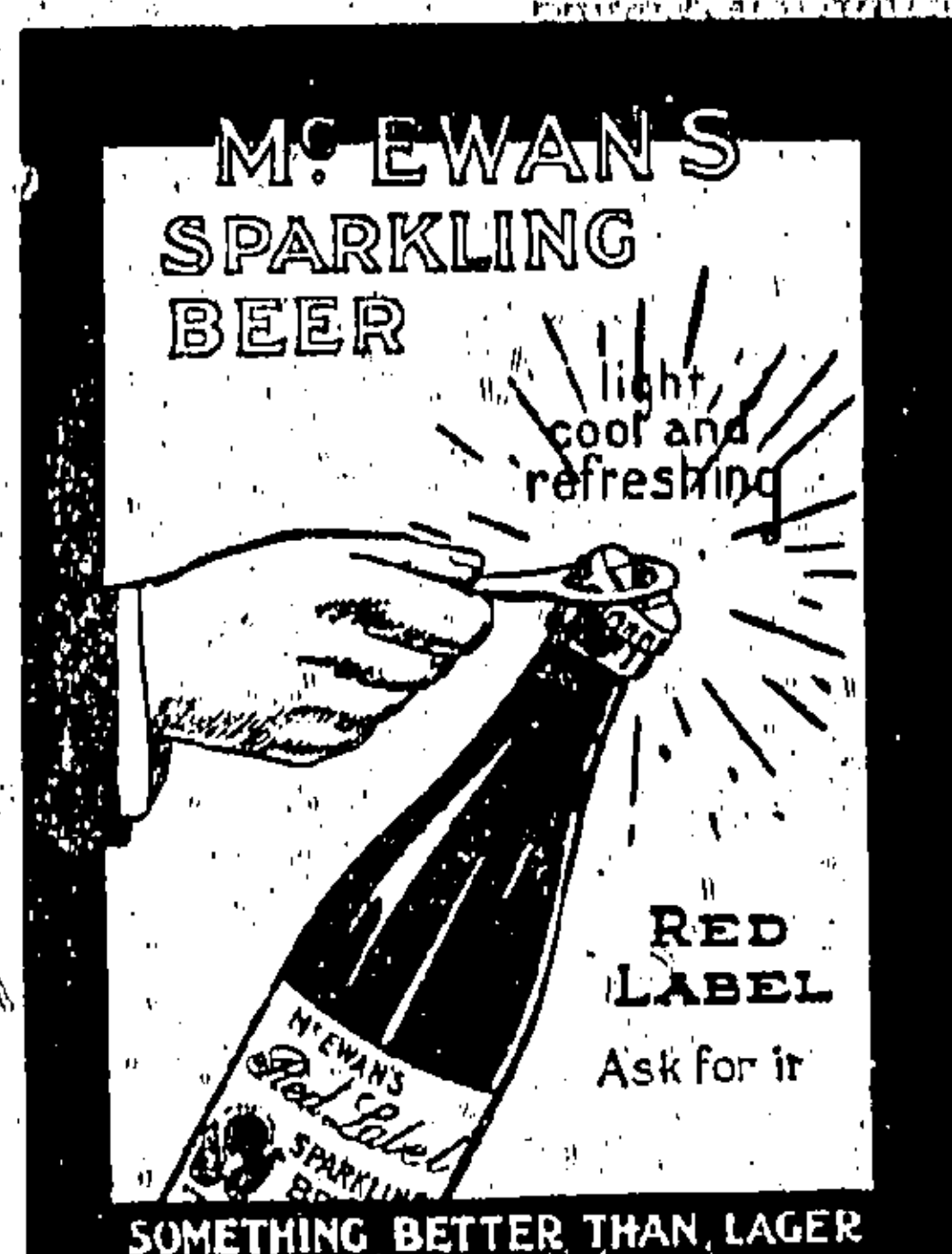
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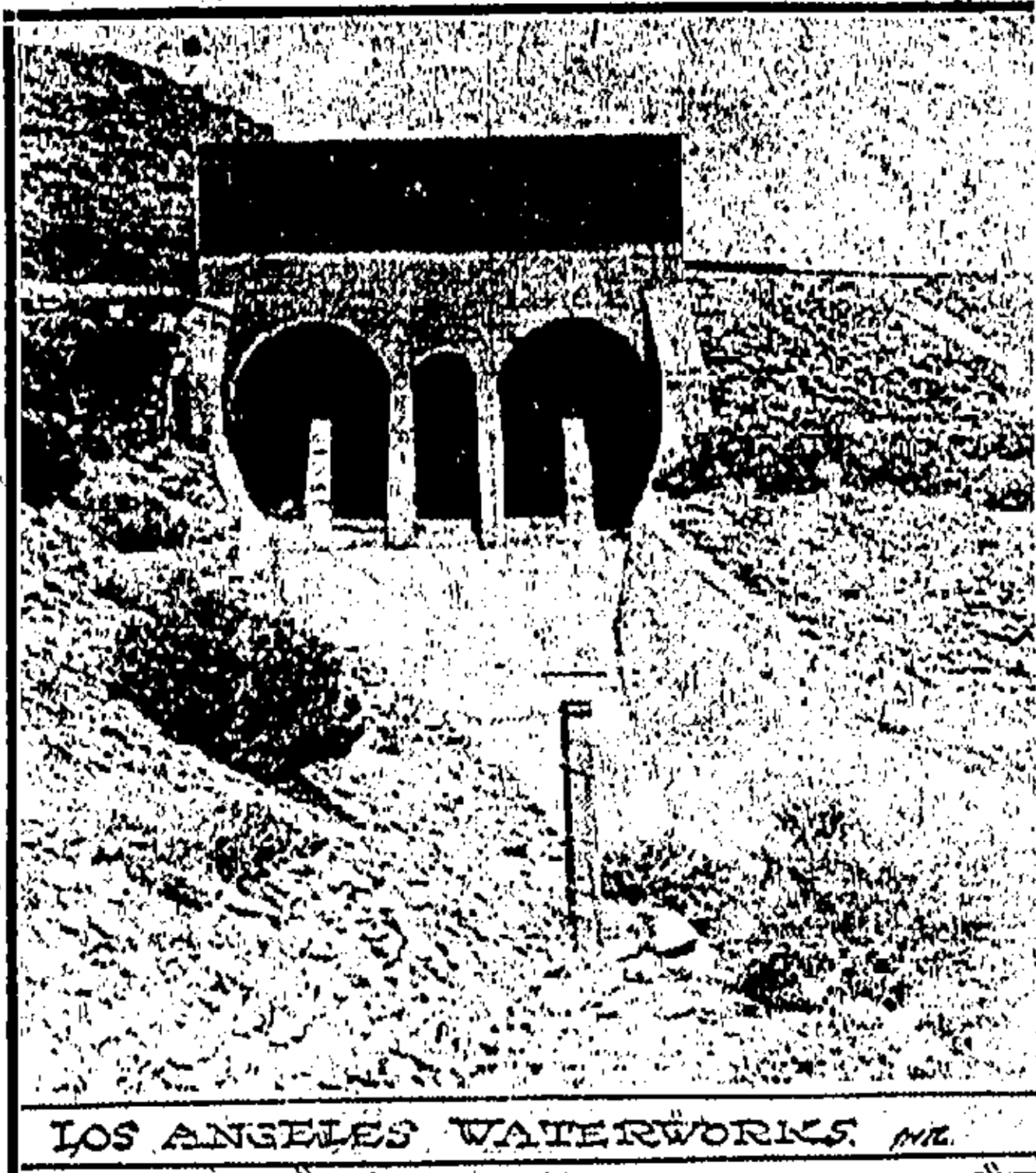
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LOS ANGELES WATERWORKS

Two hundred ranchmen from the Owens Valley in California have relinquished the innigates of the Los Angeles waterworks, located near Lone Pine, which they held for several days, opening the spill gates and leaving Los Angeles waterless. Last Spring, these same ranchmen blew up a section of the aqueduct. The trouble began in 1913, the ranchmen claiming that all water had been diverted from their irrigation system in Owens Valley and had ruined their farms. The city officials have agreed to furnish them the water they need. The waterworks cost the city \$4,400,000.



MRS. CHRIS HAMEY.

Mrs. Chris Hamey, wife of a notorious bank robber who was killed by police last year, has been convicted of complicity in the robbery of a bank last January. Her sentence is from five to ten years in State's prison.



PRINCE GREGORY.

Prince Gregory, member of one of the oldest families in Russia, has just reached London after years of peril. Since A.D. 862 his family has served the Czar. He served with the Russian armies until 1918, first with the army of the Czar and then with the Bolsheviks, who sought to overthrow the Czar. He was captured and sentenced to be shot, but escaped and lived for six months on scraps of food, finally making his way to England.

An "Insanity Plot"?



Below: W. I. HAVENS.
Below: CHAS. W. HARLEY.

Charles W. ("Chick") Harley, famous gridiron star, and army aviator in the war, in his fight for freedom from an insane asylum, alleges, he was lured into the hands of court officers by William F. Havens.



MRS. REGINALD VANDERBILT & MRS. THELMA MORGAN CONVERSE.

Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt, the former Mrs. Morgan, daughter of the American Consul General to Brussels, and her sister, Mrs. Thelma Morgan Converse, are shown as they returned to New York from a tour of Europe.



MAX PHAFF.

Threatened a month ago with death for piracy, Max Phaff, has returned from France satisfied that he has been completely exonerated. The French courts released him on 250 bail, on the charge that he knew of the raid on the rumboat, Mulhouse, had fallen flat.



BENT GLASCOCK.

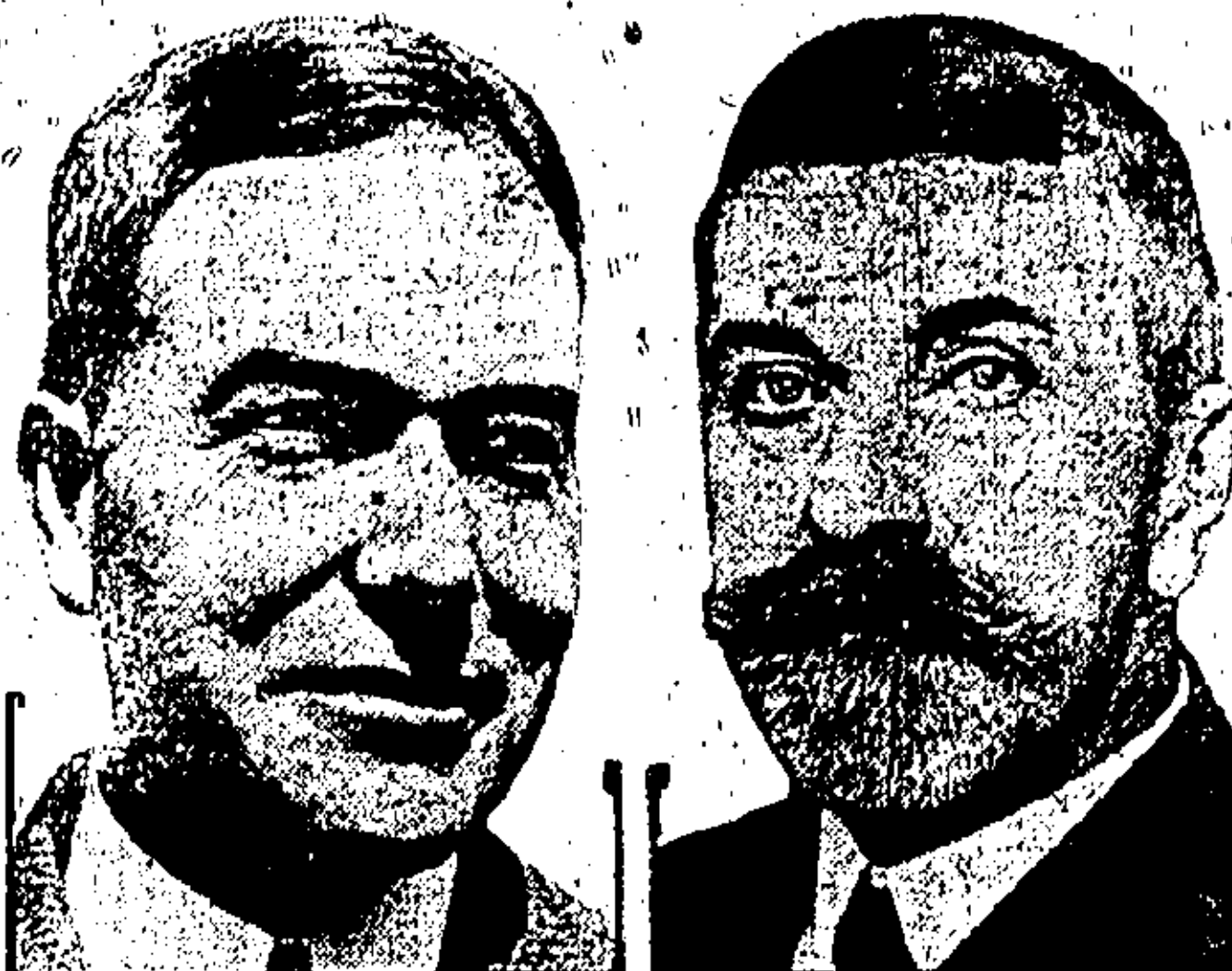
Bent Glascock, leader of the mail bandit gang that got loot valued at several million dollars in a train hold-up at Rondout, several months ago, is shown as he sat in the Federal Court in Chicago and told his story of the crime. More than \$1,000,000 worth of the loot had been recovered and was exhibited in court.

Siamese Dancer.



SIAMESE ROYAL DANCER.

Among eight Siamese dancers from the palace of the late Prince Bejrapurna, brother of the King of Siam, who are appearing in London, is Princess Mon Luang Sud Chitra, shown here wearing the royal robes of the Imperial Siamese family.



Below: J. D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. & ADMIRAL NATHAN COVILL.
Below: OWEN D. YOUNG & GENERAL CASTELNAU.

It is estimated that the recent advances in stocks added \$5,000,000 to the estate of John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Owen D. Young, one of the principal framers of the Dawes Reparations plan, who has returned to New York in his mission of placing the plan in operation, declares it will completely re-establish German industry. General de Castelnau, one of the leading generals in the French army during the war, will shortly be handed the baton of a marshal of France. It is reported in Paris. Vice-Admiral Newton McCully, U. S. N., now commanding the Atlantic scouting fleet, has been appointed head of the naval mission to Brazil.



MR. & MRS. JOHN A. SMUTS.

John Smuts said to be a cousin of General Smuts, of South Africa, is in a critical condition in hospital as the result of a bullet wound, which he declared was self-inflicted, though the police were at a loss to understand how he could have shot himself. His wife was the former May Yoh, actress, who married Lord Francis Hope, possessor of the famous Hope Diamond, which she wore on several occasions. Then she ran away from Lord Hope, with Major Putnam Bradley Strong, whom she later divorced to marry Captain Smuts.

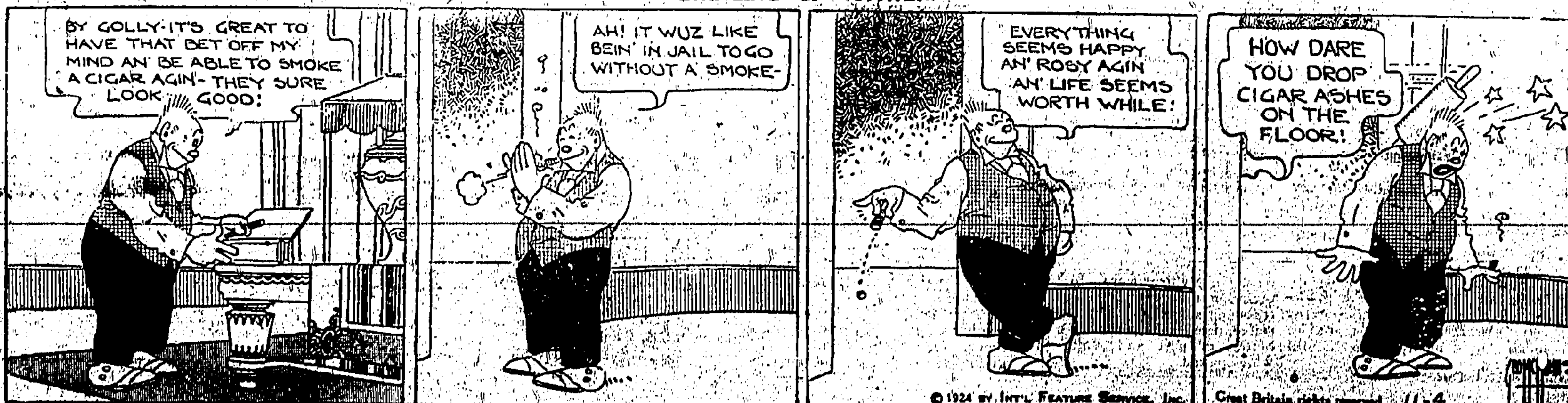
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Supply (M. Gallons)	11,111,111	11,111,111	11,111,111	11,111,111
Consumption (M. Gallons)	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	10,000,000
Balance (M. Gallons)	1,111,111	1,111,111	1,111,111	1,111,111

Consumption of water in the City and Hill Districts in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November, 1924.

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts up to 6th and Constant Supply in all Rider Main Districts from 7th November 1924.

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts West of Eastern Street and Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts East of Eastern Street during November 1924.

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of November, 1924.

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THE FIRST TEST.

(Reuter's Service.)

Sydney, December 23.
The weather for the third day's play in the first test match was fine, but sultry towards the latter part of the day. The wicket was in good condition. The attendance numbered 12,000. Play was stopped by a dust storm which swept across the pitch when the score stood at 5 for 257. Play was resumed when the storm abated, but after one run had been added to the score the storm returned and stumps were drawn. Scores:—

AUSTRALIA.—2ND INNINGS.	
W. Bardsley, b Tate.....	22
A. Richardson, c b Freeman	38
G. Kelleway, b Gilligan.....	23
H. L. Collins, not out.....	58
H. Ponsford, c Woolley, b Freeman	27
V. Richardson, c Hendren, b Tate	18
H. L. Hendry, not out.....	6
Extras.....	6
Total (for 5 wks.).....	258

The match will be continued to-morrow. The aggregate attendance so far has been a record for tests in Australia. The fielding of the English team was excellent and the bowling good. Gilligan, the captain of the Englishmen, received many cables of congratulation on his 30th birthday which fell to-day.

The Australian team has been notified to be present at Melbourne for the second test on January 1, although the team will not be selected until December 31.

The position now is:—
Australia 1st innings..... 450
England 1st innings..... 298
Australia 2nd innings (for 5 wks.)..... 258

GOLF.

MONAGHAN WINS BOGEY POOL.

Bogey pool played at Fanning from the 20th to 22nd December was won by T. C. Monaghan, 1 up. There were 27 entries.

HOCKEY.

TEAMS FOR HOLIDAY MATCHES.

The Hongkong Hockey Club have arranged two games this week. This evening at 7.45 p.m., they play the H.K.S. R.G.A. when the Club team will be:—P.W.F. Mills; H. Owen-Hughes, C.L.B. Becher; A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.) L. P. Ralph; G. R. More, G. B. Hett, W. J. Woodward, E. L. Sim, B. D. Evans.

Boxing Day Match.
On the Marina Ground, at 3.45 p.m., the Club meet the Grenadiers. The following is the Club team:—P.W.F. Mills; C. F. Manolo-Hughes, C.L.B. Becher; A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.) L. P. Ralph; T. I. Price, G. B. Hett, W. J. Woodward, H. B. Meacock, B. D. Evans.

In addition to the Club Matches for Christmas Eve and Boxing Day, there will be a Married v. Single match on Christmas afternoon at the U.S.R.C. at 3.15 p.m. sharp. Married will play in Whites and Single in colours and teams will be as follows:—
Married:—E. W. Hamilton; C. F. Manolo-Hughes, J. Wedlake; Rev. E. W. L. Martin, E. J. R. Mitchell, Rev. N. Evans; Capt. W. D. Bacon, G. B. Hett, Capt. E. A. Hayes Newington, Lt. Com. C. W. Bower, R.N., B. D. Evans (Capt.).
Single:—P. W. F. Mills; Capt. R. M. Newton King, C. L. R. Becher; Lt. D. J. Allfree, A. S. Hett (Capt.), L. P. Ralph; Lt. Ashby, R.N., G. R. More, W. J. Woodward, H. G. Gardner, Lt. C. H. Dickens.

After the match, by the kind permission of the U.S.R.C., tea will be served to the teams, their friends and members, of the U.S.R.C. and H.K.H.C. All ladies are cordially invited.

CRICKET.

I.R.C. v. NAVY.

In this friendly match, to be played on the Navy's ground on Saturday, December 27, at 2.15 p.m., the following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 2nd Eleven.

I.R.C.:—Sirdar Khan (Capt.) D. Rumjahn, H. D. Rumjahn, S.A.R. Ismail, E. A. Moosdeen, N. B. Kitchell, M. P. Madar, Y. A. Wahab, A. R. Minu, J. Cassambhoy, J. Ackber. Reserve A. K. Minu.

FIGHTS IN U.S.

NEW BOXING LAW IN CALIFORNIA.

New York, November 29.—The State of California recently adopted, by an unofficial majority of approximately 25,000, a law which will permit boxing bouts to be increased in length from four to ten rounds with decisions and twelve rounds without decisions. This gives promise of the return of the halcyon days of fistfuffs in the far west and already promoters in and about San Francisco and Los Angeles, where the game has always been popular, are planning the erection of large stadiums and halls to accommodate the expected increase in patronage.

The measure which is about to be adopted calls for a state athletic commission to regulate and control boxing and wrestling contests. Out of the gross receipts from the shows the state will receive an amount sufficient to pay the commission's expenses and to maintain a home for veterans of any war in which the United States has participated. Immediately after the measure became known, Fred Winsor, manager of Tony Fuente and also of the Culver City ring, wired a challenge to Jack Dempsey in behalf of his protégé, Fuente, proposing a battle at Culver City on July 4. Fuente is a Mexican who recently took a four-round decision from Floyd Johnson and won seven of his later fights by knockouts.

TESTS IN AFRICA.

FIVE MATCHES ARRANGED FOR MR. JOEL'S XI.

(Reuter's Service.)

Johannesburg, December 23.—The first of five unofficial Test matches, arranged for Mr. Joel's team, began to-day.

The visiting team batted first and scored 198, Tennyson made 57.

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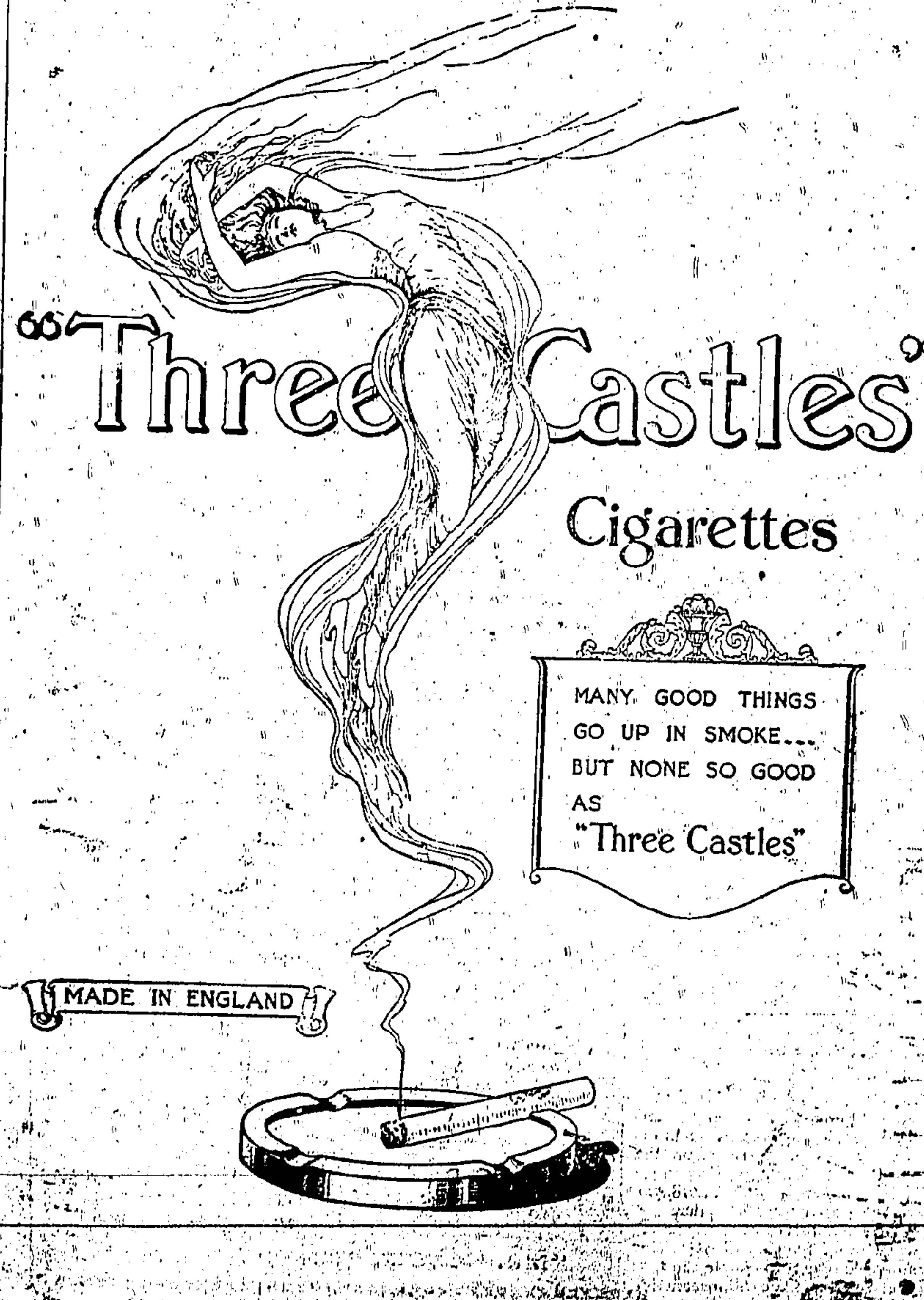
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December 22 to 28, 1924.

Day	Date	High Water		Low Water	
		Standard Time	Height	Standard Time	Height
Mon.	22	11.45	5.5	1.15	2.5
Tue.	23	10.45	6.2	1.15	2.2
Wed.	24	9.45	6.5	1.15	1.9
Thurs.	25	8.45	7.2	1.15	1.6
Fri.	26	7.45	7.5	1.15	1.3
Sat.	27	6.45	8.2	1.15	1.0
Sun.	28	5.45	8.5	1.15	0.7

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